The Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium, Inc. (PALCI) and the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana have joined forces to explore, develop, and pilot an open source, multi-tenant, consortial institutional repository using Hyku. We aim to create a service individual libraries may use, customize, and brand as their own, while building the capacity required to share infrastructure, hosting, and administration. Both consortia are currently in a pilot phase.

- Some PALCI libraries are in the nascent stages without existing collections, some have current implementations of DSpace, Digital Commons, JSTOR Forum.
- PALCI libraries are more worried about metadata and user interface flexibility.
- Admin sets remain very difficult to explain and use for PALCI members.

- PALNI libraries have been looking for an IR solution for a long time and are very collaborative.
- PALNI libraries are more worried about customizing admin interfaces for easier management.
- The need for bulk import/export tools is paramount.

Outcomes

- Beginning of the HykuCommons repository platform service
- Business model for shared collaborative multi-tenant implementation
- Use cases for “Barriers to Hyku” follow-up project (TBD)